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SUBJECT: INFORMATION AND VIEWS ON FRELIMO FROM LONDON OBSERVER
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1. WE READ REFTEL WITH MORE THAN USUAL INTEREST BECAUSE
CITATION DAVID MARTIN AS SOURCE. MARTIN WELL-KNOWN TO EMBASSY
SINCE HE WORKED OUT OF DAR FOR SO MANY YEARS PRIOR TO BEING
PNGED BY TANGOV IN FEBRUARY '74.

2. WITHOUT GOING INTO MERITS HIS "IMPRESSIONS," WISH REMIND
CONGEN THAT BASED OUR EXPERIENCE MARTIN TENDS ALWAYS OVER-
STATE CASE AND BECOME VICTIM HIS OWN BIAS. THIS NOT TO SAY
HE SHOULD'NT BE USED AS SOURCE, BUT HIS INFORMATION NEEDS BE
PUT IN GOOD SIEVE AND SORTED OUT CAREFULLY BEFORE BLANKET
ACCEPTANCE.

3. FURTHER, MARTIN NOT RPT NOT MOST RELIABLE OR ETHICAL
JOURNALIST. BELIEVE CONGEN SHOULD EXERCISE GREAT CARE IN
OFFICIAL DEALINGS. (WE LEARNED OUR LESSON THE HARDWAY.)

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4. COMMENT: ON PARA 8 OF REFTTEL, OUR IMPRESSION HERE IS
THAT FRELIMO IS MORE PRAGMATIC THAN MARTIN SUGGESTS. WHILE
NYERERE MAY BE ADMIRER AS INDIVIDUAL STATESMAN, FRELIMO
INTIMATELY AWARE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS FACING TANGOV -- AND HOW
THEY EXACERBATED BY VERY TOUGH IDEALOGICAL LINE.
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